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## Pammel Courters

# Combine Paint And Ingenuity

*Residents of Pammel Court exercise ingenuity  
to brighten their homes, reports Peggy Holler.*

WITH a dab of paint, a slight knowledge of carpentry and a touch of ingenuity, residents of Pammel Court rejuvenate everything from flower boxes to cement sidewalks.

"Much of Pammel Court's attractive and unique home decoration comes from the fact that most couples paint and improve their homes themselves," observes Mrs. Mary Ellen Johnson, a Pammel Court resident.

She and her husband Bill painted their trailer interior pale green and, with a dash of sentiment, added small white hearts to the cupboard doors.

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as their walls. "It takes up such a little room for all it holds," adds Mary Ellen.

Brilliant-colored roses and magnolias painted on the outside of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Bradstreet's white trailer lend a bit of sparkle to the whole neighborhood. The Bradstreets' trailer has two newly-added rooms to provide sufficient space for the romping of their son Bruce and Skippy, the dog. In these rooms, also, Mrs. Bradstreet stores her canned foods and dries her small washings. Norman has worked out a ventilating system which keeps air circulating throughout the three room trailer.

**T**HE newest convenience in Mr. and Mrs. Leo Deterding's home is an insulated wooden roaster cabinet. Leo made the cabinet with a top opening which makes it easy to get food in and out of the roaster. The thermostat can be regulated through a



small opening on the side of the cabinet. Casters on the base make the cabinet movable, and shelves below the roaster compartment provide ample room for Mrs. Deterding's other equipment.

Mr. and Mrs. Gaylord Steffan live in a converted chicken house and love it. "It's so much roomier than our first trailer home in Pammel Court," says Mrs. Steffan. The two installed sheets of tile to protect the wall above their kitchen sink. An apartment-sized range creates more space.

In the opinion of other Pammel Courters, one of the most unusual-looking homes is a log cabin owned by Mr. and Mrs. Morris Segurdson. Spacious flower boxes below the front windows, a painted cement walk and a lantern above the front door attract visitors. The interior is divided by a partition between the living room and the kitchen. The kitchen is finished in wood resembling knotty-pine paneling.



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